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SUBJ: MAJOR FEATURE FILM PRODUCER VISIT

1. UNIVERSAL STUDIOS IS PLANNING PRODUCTION OF A MAJOR
FEATURE MOTION PICTURE BASED ON THE LIFE OF GENERAL DOUGLAS
MACARTHUR. THE FILM WILL BE PRODUCED BY FRANK MCCARTHY,
ACADEMY AWARD WINNER FOR HIS PRODUCTION OF "PATTON".

2. ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 5, MCCARTHY ACCOMPANIED BY WIL-
LIAM GILMORE, PRODUCTION EXECUTIVE, WILL EMBARK ON A LOCA-
TION SCOUTING AND FEASIBILITY SURVEY TRIP TO SEVERAL
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COUNTRIES IN THE FAR EAST. THE SURVEY WILL INVOLVE DIS-

CUSSIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS OF SUBJECT COUNTRIES CONCERNING POSSIBLE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE DESIRED TO OBTAIN SERVICES, MILITARY EQUIPMENT, AND/OR PERSONNEL, LOGISTIC SUPPORT, ETC.

3. REQUEST APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE OF ADDRESSEE EMBASSIES ON MCCARTHY PROJECT. REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM DEPARTMENT NAME OF EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH WHOM MCCARTHY MAY ESTABLISH LIAISON UPON ARRIVAL IN EACH COUNTRY.

4. THE ITINERARY IS:

SEPT. 6-10 -- PHILIPPINES, MANILA

VISITS TO BATAAN, CORREGIDOR, TACLOBAN AND LEYTE GULF ARE PLANNED.

SEPT. 10-14 -- REPUBLIC OF CHINA -- TAIPEI, TAIWAN

IT IS CONTEMPLATED MAJOR LOCATION ACTIVITY MAY BE PLANNED IN TAIWAN UTILIZING SUBSTANTIAL WORLD WAR II VINTAGE MILITARY EQUIPMENT BELONGING TO CHINESE MILITARY FORCES.

SETP. 14-18 -- REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SEOUL

LOCATION INCHON AND OTHER KOREAN WAR ACTIONS, BOTH ROK ARMY AND US ARMY ASSISTANCE TO BE DISCUSSED.

SEPT 18-22 -- JAPAN, TOKYO

DISCUSSIONS AS PERTINENT WITH BOTH JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND STATE RELATIVE REENACTMENT OF MACARTHUR ROLE IN JAPAN AFTER WORLD WAR II AND PRIOR TO KOREAN WAR.

5. MCCARTHY IS FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY FO STATE FOR ADMINISTRATION, 1945, AND IS A BRIGADIER GENERAL, US ARMY RESERVE (RCT.)

6. DOD IS INFORMING ALL UNITS OF PROJECT AND VISITS SEPARATELY. RUSH

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